REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated March 9, 2005 and the references it cites. By way of this Response, claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice to their further prosecution. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 and 6-8 stand allowed and are the only claims pending in this application. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

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